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SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1903.

A Fish Story.

George Barnet, the well-known East Orange politician, caught a four and one-half pound blue fish in the Passaic River at Swinefield bridge Sunday afternoon. This is said to be the first blue fish ever caught in the Passaic beyond Paterson Falls. If the incident was closed with the above paragraph, Mr. Barnet's catch might at some future time find a place in the pictorial history of Essex County. But a certain measure of romance attaches to all fish stories, and so Mr. Barnet, whose word is his bond in the ordinary affairs of life, can not find fault if some strenuous sticklers for truth, and nothing but the truth, should start and pursue an inquiry as to the actual facts as to how that particular and isolated blue fish and Mr. Barnet happened to be in the vicinity of the Swinefield bridge at the same time. The members of the Nick Dugan Association happened to be at Swinefield Bridge Grove last Sunday enjoying a clam bake. The association numbers several veteran fishermen in its membership. Some of them have caught catfish in the Wabash; more of them have hooked Wabash River eels, and others of them have caught sunfish in the Morris Canal. These veterans stood on the bank of the Passaic Sunday afternoon gazing Mr. Barnet, who sat patiently in a boat waiting for a nibble. Suddenly there was a great commotion in and about the boat, the fishing rod bent to snapping point. Barnet first pulled to the right and then to the left, and got hit in the face from the severe exertion. There was great excitement on the bank odds of five to one were offered that Barnet had hooked a tree. Some predicted a snapping turtle, while some sarcastic youth predicted that an empty beer keg would come to the surface. While the guesswork was going on Barnet swung the pole aloft with a large beautiful fish attached to the line. The sight of the big fish caused great excitement on shore, and there was loud and excited calls for Barnet to pull in, but he effected to treat the matter as of slight importance and continued fishing, but finally yielded to the clamor of the crowd and brought his prize ashore. It was at once pronounced a blue fish beyond question by one who had spent several summers at Ocean Grove; then a shout of joy ensued and continued all the while the members of the association were disposing of the excellent meal prepared by Meers Dugan the New York Sunday.

"Party" has never been restored to drawing-room conversation day and posed handsomely. Few years ago the word "party" was the absorbing topic scorned as "lady" in clubs, N. airies on Monday and supposed to be critics Amway flings would still be such importance. It is now, however, some one had not now "party" is a trifling word had swiped the words of the "J. Barrigan" and added "lady" to his line. "go above, J. D." is to his line, no description.

Thus one hears of "Johnson, New Br. dancing parties," and Jones, Bloomfield, to make out the whole catalogues. A. L. Kull, and record cylinders, are the only record cylinders. ESTIMATING CO. Some startling figures for a mixed quantity vanity and

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State Politics.

Mr. Charles W. Power, the right-hand man is called "the speaker's desk" and is the most useful men in the house of representatives. It is his business to know things, all things; in fact everything connected with legislation. He must know parliamentary law, precedents of the house and must have them ready at a second's notice, so that they may be cited by the speaker or the chairman of the committee of the whole house whenever a point of order is raised or a parliamentary point is to be decided. He must know all the members of the house and from what state they come in order to tell the speaker or the chairman how to recognize them when they address the presiding officer. He must know all the secretaries of the president and clerks of the senate, so as to tell the presiding officer when there is a message from the president or the senate to be received by the house. He keeps the time on men who are addressing the house, and the "hammer" falls when he says that a man has consumed his allotted time. Of all these tasks the greatest is to be well informed upon parliamentary law. There is no index to parliamentary rulings, and many points are found by the man who will delve and dig and study the subject all the time.—Washington Post

Paper Making and the Egyptians.

The art of paper making is almost prehistoric. It is believed that the Egyptians invented the first crude process. This is shown in the name itself, which is derived from the word papyrus, reed which grows in Egypt and other warm countries.

The ancient Egyptians made their primitive paper from this plant by taking the smooth, fibrous layer between the rough outer bark and the inner flesh of the reed. This they dried and glued together in long rolls, which served as a means to convey their thoughts in hieroglyphics. This process has been so improved upon during the succeeding ages that today the most perfect paper can be made from the meanest substances.

Home Treatment.

In Ohio, as in several other states, persons condemned to death are taken to the state capital for execution. Recently in the Greene county court a jury was chosen to try a murder case.

One member of the panel had been asked the usual questions and had given satisfactory answers until the lawyer for the defense inquired:

"Do you believe in capital punishment?"

"No, sir," was the prompt reply; "I believe in hanging them right here at home."—What to Eat.

Caged Birds Live Longest.

Many people decry against the cruelty of keeping birds in cages, but it is a well proved truth that cage birds live about six times as long as a wild bird, and the bird invariably becomes so fond of its owner and its surroundings that when the cage is thrown open it will not fly away. It suffers so little from solitude that if a prospective mate is introduced it hits her on the head at first for her impudence in daring to intrude into a private apartment.

Superstitions.

According to a superstition which holds sway in some parts of Ireland, the sedge warblers possess the souls of unbaptized babies and sing their sorrow at the midnight hour, while the linnet, yellow hammer and finch sing their plaintive and tender songs to remind us they are souls of departed friends not yet relieved from purgatorial pains. The bitter is their herald at night.—Irish Times.

A Sermon on Money.

"No, my son," said the Bilville parent; "money doesn't bring happiness. It only buys house rent and the grocery bill and makes the bailiff and the bill collector respect us six days in the week while the parson gives us the halibut smile on Sunday."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Shocking Drinker.

The Girl—Does he drink so terribly? The Guy—Yes, indeed; pours it out into his saucer.—Kansas City Independent.

If you have a good temper, keep it; if you have a bad one, don't lose it.—Columbia Jester.

Strenuous efforts are talked of for a reconsideration of the Scheuer wholesale liquor license case.

The first annual report of the Orange Charities Conference Committee on the State Reformatory for Women has been issued.

County Superintendent of Schools Elmer W. Sherman was in town yesterday and attended the Centre School closing exercises.

In the second song published last week under heading of "From a Scholar of 1864," the line "For many years mine waited," should read "For many years we've waited, etc."

Joint exercises celebrating the battle of Springfield which took place June 23, 1870, and commemorating the lives of Revolutionary soldiers buried in the township of Springfield will be held this afternoon in the Springfield Presbyterian Church.

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